

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tool [(1)] for cutting ~~a hollow profile (2), the tool (1) being designed for cutting~~ a flange [(3)] on ~~[[the]]~~ a hollow profile [(2)], ~~and the tool (1) also being designed for forming the hollow profile (2) according to the~~ by an internal high pressure forming process, ~~[[.]]~~ the tool [(1)] having at least one cutting device [(4)] which runs parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal extent of the hollow profile, has a cutting edge [(5)] and is displaceable ~~in the transverse direction of~~ transversely relative to the hollow profile [(2)], wherein:

~~[[.]]~~ a side [(6)] of the cutting device ~~(4) facing~~ which faces the hollow profile ~~(2) being designed~~ is provided as a shaping die wall [(17)], against which the hollow profile [(2)] bears at least during the internal high pressure forming~~[[.]]~~; and

~~characterized in that~~ a positioning device [(9)] is provided which, before the cutting and forming operation, presses the hollow profile [(2)] against that side [(6)] of the cutting device [(4)] which faces the hollow profile [(2)].

Claim 2 (currently amended): The tool as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tool [(1)] has a bottom die [(7)] and a top die [(8)] which are displaceable relative to one another.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The tool as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein ~~[[.]]~~ the cutting device [(4)] is one of:

integrated in one of the dies, with ~~(7, 8) and~~ the cutting edge ~~(5) forms~~ forming an integral part of the respective die ~~(7, 8), ;~~ ~~[[or]]~~

~~[[(-)] the cutting device (4) is designed as a separate component, [[and is]]~~
fastened to one of the dies ~~[[((7, 8))]]~~ in a fixed position~~[[, or]]~~; and

~~[[(-)] the cutting device (4) is arranged~~ movably on one of the dies ~~[[((7, 8))]]~~ in
such a way as to be adjustable in stroke.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The tool as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to~~
~~3, characterized in that~~ claim 3, wherein:

at least one hold-down (10), ~~which fixes the flange (3) of the hollow profile~~
~~(2) at least during the cutting operation,~~ is provided in the region of the cutting
edge ~~[[((5).)]]~~; and

said at least one hold down fixes the flange of the hollow profile at least
during the cutting operation.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The tool as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to~~
~~4, characterized in that~~ claim 4, further comprising an embossing punch ~~[[((11))]]~~;
wherein:

the embossing punch is provided ~~which is displaceable transversely to the~~
longitudinal extent of the hollow profile; ~~[[((2))]]~~ and

~~[[which]]~~ the embossing punch makes an embossment on the outside of the
hollow profile ~~[[((2))]]~~ after the forming operation.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The tool as claimed in claim 5,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the embossing punch ~~[[((11))]]~~ is arranged ~~[[in]]~~
such ~~[[a way]]~~ that it crosses and passes through the cutting device ~~[[((4))]]~~ in a
corresponding opening ~~[[((12))]]~~ during ~~[[the]]~~ an embossing operation.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The tool as claimed in ~~either of claims 5~~
~~and 6, characterized in that~~ claim 6, further comprising at least one perforating
punch (13) ~~is provided~~ arranged coaxially in the embossing punch, wherein the

~~(11) coaxially thereto, this perforating punch (13) perforating~~ perforates the hollow profile ~~[(2)]~~ after the embossing operation has been completed.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method of cutting a hollow profile, in which ~~[-]~~ a flange ~~[(2)]~~ on the hollow profile ~~(2) being~~ is cut by means of a cutting device ~~[(4)]~~ which runs parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal extent of the hollow profile ~~[(2)]~~ and has a cutting edge ~~(5) which that~~ is displaced transversely to the longitudinal extent of the hollow profile ~~[(2),]; wherein:~~

before cutting and forming operation, a positioning device presses the hollow profile against a side of the cutting device which faces the hollow profile:

~~[-] the hollow profile (2),~~

after the cutting operation, ~~bearing and~~ during ~~[[the]]~~ a subsequent internal high pressure forming of the hollowing profile, the hollow profile bears against ~~[[that]]~~ the side ~~[(6)]~~ of the cutting device ~~[(4)]~~ which faces the hollow profile ~~[(2)]~~ and which is designed as a shaping die wall~~[[,]]~~.

~~characterized in that, before the cutting and forming operation, a positioning device (9) presses the hollow profile (2) against that side (6) of the cutting device (4) which faces the hollow profile (2).~~

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one hold-down ~~[(10)]~~ arranged in the region of the cutting edge ~~[(5)]~~ fixes the flange ~~[(3)]~~ of the hollow profile ~~[(2)]~~ at least during the cutting operation.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim ~~[[8 or]]~~ 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flange ~~[(3)]~~ is cut by closing the tool ~~[(1)]~~.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method as claimed in ~~one of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that~~ claim 10, wherein an embossing punch ~~[(11)]~~ which is displaceable transversely to the longitudinal extent of the hollow profile

[(2)] makes an embossment on the outside of the hollow profile [(2)] after the forming operation.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the embossing punch [(11)] crosses and passes through the cutting device [(4)] during the embossing operation.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim [(11 or)] 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein:

at least one perforating punch [(13)] is arranged in the embossing punch [(11)] coaxially thereto; and

the perforating punch perforates the hollow profile [(2)] before or after the embossing operation.